



## **MAYOR JERRY SANDERS STATEMENT**

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### **REMEMBERING PRESIDENT FORD**

Today we remember and honor the legacy of Gerald R. Ford, the 38<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.

A leader of integrity, honesty, and honor, President Ford was a man of the people who dedicated his long and distinguished career in public service to making government work for our nation's citizens.

Beloved and respected by leaders and citizens around the world, President Ford's calm and steady hand guided America through one of its darkest chapters; healing the nation in the process.

As President Bush so aptly remarked during this morning's memorial service, "President Ford's time in office was brief, but history will long remember the courage and common sense that helped restore trust in the workings of our democracy." No truer words could be spoken of a man so committed to public service.

I join with all San Diegans in mourning the loss of a genuine American hero. Our nation is a stronger, more compassionate one because of the leadership provided by Gerald Ford throughout his life: as a member of the U.S. Navy and proud World War II veteran; as a 25-year member of the United States Congress; as the Vice President of the United States; and finally, as its 38<sup>th</sup> President.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with his wife Betty, and the entire Ford family.

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